

# UNITED STATES CODE

## SUPPLEMENT VI

[December 7, 1925, to July 16, 1932]

### TITLE 1.—GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### Chapter 1.—RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.

**Section 1. Words importing singular number, masculine gender, etc.; extended application.—**

★ There should probably be inserted after the word "Congress" in line 3 of this section, the words "passed subsequent to February 25, 1871."

#### Chapter 2.—ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE CONGRESS; FORMALITIES OF ENACTMENT; REPEALS; SEALING OF INSTRUMENTS.

★ **Section 29a. Saving clause; limitations of actions and proceedings, both civil and criminal, arising prior to repeal provisions of Revised Statutes.—**All acts of limitation, whether applicable to civil causes and proceedings, or to the prosecution of offenses, or for the recovery of penalties or forfeitures embraced in the Revised Statutes and covered by the repeal thereof, shall not be affected thereby, but all suits, proceedings or prosecutions, whether civil or criminal, for causes arising, or acts done or committed prior to said repeal, may be commenced and prosecuted within the same time as if said repeal had not been made. (R. S. § 5599.)

This section omitted from the Code appears to be still in force in the opinion of the Attorney General and the Secretary of War, their views being that R. S. § 5599 should be contained in the Code "Unless and until there is enacted a statute barring all causes of action and claims arising before 1873, or unless it can be ascertained that all such causes and claims are now barred by later enactments."

The Attorney General has expressed the further opinion that "R. S. § 5599 should be rewritten, bringing it up to date, and then reenacted in order to preserve the rights of the Government protected by limitations prescribed in legislation enacted not only prior to 1873 but since then, and particularly since the World War, which World War legislation is somewhat similar to legislation enacted following the Civil War."

★ **30a. "Little and Brown's" edition of laws and treaties competent evidence of Acts of Congress.—**The edition of the laws and treaties of the United States, published by Little & Brown, shall be competent evidence of the several public and private acts of Congress, and of the several treaties therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof. (R. S. § 908.)

This section constituting R. S. § 908 was omitted from the Code.

The Secretary of the Navy and the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress have recommended its insertion in the Code as being of present force and effect.

The Attorney General and Secretary of State regard it as obsolete, the former stating that its usefulness seems to have disappeared and that the "edition" referred to is no longer in general use and in view of sections 1 and 2 of Act of June 20, 1874, 18 Stat. 113, and the subsequent lapse of time, it may

be expressly repealed. The latter is of opinion it has been rendered obsolete by such act and the provisions of § 30 of this title.

#### Chapter 3.—CODE OF LAWS OF UNITED STATES AND SUPPLEMENTS; DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CODE AND SUPPLEMENTS.

**Section 51. Supplements to Code of Laws of United States; preparation and publication of general and permanent laws of 69th Congress.**

This section has been executed by the publication of the Supplement herein provided for.

It constituted § 1 of Act May 29, 1928, c. 910, 45 Stat. 1007, entitled "An Act to authorize preparation and publication of supplements to the Code of Laws of the United States with perfecting amendments, printing of bills to codify the laws relating to the District of Columbia and of such code and of supplements thereto, and for distribution," and read as follows:

"There shall be prepared and published under the supervision of the Committee on Revision of the Laws of the House of Representatives a supplement to the Code of Laws of the United States in one volume, in the style and form of said code, to contain the general and permanent laws of the United States enacted during the Sixty-ninth Congress and in force December 5, 1927, a restatement of such statutes or parts of statutes as were inaccurately set forth in the code, and statutes of a general and permanent nature in force December 6, 1925, omitted from the code, and other perfecting amendments to the code, together with preface, table of contents, parallel reference tables, table of statutes repealed since December 6, 1925, and indexes on durable paper and bound in buckram with thumb inserts and other devices to distinguish the parts, and with such explanatory and advertising slips as seem suitable."

**51a. Publication and distribution of Code of Laws of United States and Supplements and District of Columbia Code and Supplements.—**In order to avoid duplication and waste—

(a) **Supplement to Code of Laws of United States.—**Publication of Supplement I to the Code of Laws of the United States (Public—No. 621, 70th Congress) as a part of the Statutes at Large is dispensed with;

(b) **Publishing in slip or pamphlet form or in Statutes at Large.—**Publication in slip or pamphlet form or in the Statutes at Large of any of the volumes or publications enumerated in this chapter, shall, in event of enactment, be dispensed with whenever the Committee on Revision of the Laws of the House of Representatives so directs the Secretary of State;

(c) **Curtailling number of copies published.—**Curtailling of the number provided by law to be printed and distributed of the volumes or publications enumerated in this chapter may be directed by such committee, except that the Public Printer shall print such numbers as are necessary for depository library distribution and for sale; and

(d) **Dispensing with publication of more than one Supplement for each Congress.—**Such committee may direct that the printing and distribution of any supplement to the Code of

Laws of the United States or to the Code of the District of Columbia be dispensed with entirely, except that there shall be printed and distributed for each Congress at least one supplement to each such code, containing the legislation of such Congress. (Mar. 2, 1929, c. 586, § 1, 45 Stat. 1540.)

The Resolution cited to the text was entitled "Joint Resolution providing more economical and improved methods for the publication and distribution of the Code of Laws of the United States and of the District of Columbia, and supplements."

**52. Preparation and publication of Codes and Supplements.**—There shall be prepared and published under the supervision of the Committee on Revision of the Laws of the House of Representatives—

(a) **Cumulative Supplements to Code of Laws of United States for each session of Congress.**—A supplement for each session of the Congress to the then current edition of the Code of Laws of the United States, cumulatively embracing the legislation of the then current supplement, and correcting errors in such edition and supplement;

(b) **District of Columbia Code.**—A consolidation and codification of the laws, general and permanent in their nature, relating to or in force in the District of Columbia, except such laws as are of application in the District of Columbia by reason of being laws of the United States general and permanent in their nature. Such Code shall be designated "The Code of the District of Columbia";

(c) **Cumulative Supplement to District of Columbia Code for each session of Congress.**—A supplement for each session of the Congress to the then current edition of the Code of the District of Columbia, cumulatively embracing the legislation of the then current supplement, and correcting errors in such edition and supplement;

(d) **New editions of Codes and Supplements thereto.**—New editions of the Code of Laws of the United States and of the Code of the District of Columbia, correcting errors and incorporating the then current supplement. In the case of each code new editions shall not be published oftener than once in each five years. Copies of each such edition shall be distributed in the same manner as provided in the case of supplements to the code of which it is a new edition. Supplements published after any new edition shall not contain the legislation of supplements published before such new edition. (May 29, 1928, c. 910, § 2, 45 Stat. 1007, as amended Mar. 2, 1929, c. 586, § 2, 45 Stat. 1541.)

For titles of Act May 29, 1928, and Res. Mar. 2, 1929, see notes to §§ 51 and 51a, respectively.

Prior to its amendment § 52 read as follows: "In addition there shall be prepared and published under the supervision of said committee a supplement containing the general and permanent laws of each session of the Seventieth and succeeding Congresses, cumulatively embracing the legislation and ancillaries of the preceding supplement or supplements."

**53. District of Columbia Code; preparation and publication; cumulative supplements.**—Said committee is hereby authorized to print bills to codify, revise, and reenact the general and permanent laws relating to the District of Columbia and cumulative supplements thereto, similar in style, respectively, to the Code of Laws of the United States, and supplements thereto, and to so continue until final enactment thereof in both Houses of the Congress of the United States. (May 29, 1928, c. 910, § 3, 45 Stat. 1007.)

For title of Act see note to § 51.

**54. Codes and Supplements as establishing prima facie the Laws of United States and District of Columbia; citation of Codes and Supplements.**—In all courts, tribunals, and public offices of the United States, at home or abroad, of the District of Columbia, and of each State, Territory, or insular possession of the United States—

(a) **Code of Laws of United States; effect as prima facie the law.**—The matter set forth in the edition of the Code of Laws of the United States current at any time shall, together with the then current supplement, if any, establish prima facie the laws of the United States, general and permanent in their nature, in force on the day preceding the commencement of the session following the last session the legislation of which is included.

(b) **District of Columbia Code; effect as prima facie the law.**—The matter set forth in the edition of the Code of the District of Columbia current at any time shall, together with the then current supplement, if any, establish prima facie the laws, general and permanent in their nature, relating to or in force in the District of Columbia on the day preceding the commencement of the session following the last session the legislation of which is included, except such laws as are of application in the District of Columbia by reason of being laws of the United States general and permanent in their nature.

(c) **District of Columbia Code; citation.**—The Code of the District of Columbia may be cited as "D. C. Code."

(d) **Supplements to Codes; citation.**—Supplements to the Code of Laws of the United States and to the Code of the District of Columbia may be cited, respectively, as "U. S. C., Sup.," and "D. C. Code, Sup.," the blank in each case being filled with Roman figures denoting the number of the supplement.

(e) **New edition of Codes; citation.**—New editions of each of such codes may be cited, respectively, as "U. S. C., ed.," and "D. C. Code, ed.," the blank in each case being filled with figures denoting the last year the legislation of which is included in whole or in part. (May 29, 1928, c. 910, § 4, 45 Stat. 1007, as amended Mar. 2, 1929, c. 586, § 3, 45 Stat. 1541.)

For titles of Act May 29, 1928, and Res. Mar. 2, 1929, see notes to §§ 51 and 51a, respectively.

Prior to its amendment § 54 read as follows:

"In all courts, tribunals, and public offices of the United States, at home or abroad, of the District of Columbia, and of each State, Territory, or insular possession of the United States, the laws set forth in the supplements provided for by sections 51 and 52 of this title shall, together with the Code of Laws of the United States, so amended and supplemented, establish prima facie the laws of the United States, general and permanent in their nature."

**54a. Codes and Supplement where printed; form and style; ancillaries.**—The publications provided for in this chapter, shall be printed at the Government Printing Office, and shall be in such form and style and with such ancillaries as may be prescribed by the Committee on Revision of the Laws of the House of Representatives. The Librarian of Congress is directed to cooperate with such committee in the preparation of such ancillaries. Such publications shall be furnished with such thumb insets and other devices to distinguish parts, with such facilities for the insertion of additional matter, and with such explanatory and advertising slips, and shall be printed on such paper and bound in such material, as may be prescribed by such committee. (Mar. 2, 1929, c. 586, § 4, 45 Stat. 1542.)

For title of Resolution see note to § 51a.

**54b. Bills and resolutions of Committee on Revision of Laws of House of Representatives; form and style; ancillaries; curtailment of copies.**—All bills and resolutions referred to or reported by the Committee on Revision of the Laws of the House of Representatives shall be printed in such form and style, and with such ancillaries, as such committee may prescribe as being economical and suitable, to so continue until final enactment thereof in both Houses of Congress; and such committee may also curtail the number of copies of such bills to be printed in the various parliamentary stages in the House of Representatives. (Mar. 2, 1929, c. 586, § 5, 45 Stat. 1542.)

For title of Resolution see note to § 51a.

**54c. Copies of Acts and Resolutions in slip form; additional number printed for Committee on Revision of Laws of House of Representatives.**—The Public Printer is directed to print, in addition to the number provided by existing law, and, as soon as printed, to distribute in such manner as the Committee on Revision of the Laws of the House of Representatives shall determine, twenty copies in slip form of each public Act and joint resolution, beginning with the second session of the Seventieth Congress. (Mar. 2, 1929, c. 580, § 0, 45 Stat. 1542.)

For title of Resolution see note to § 51a.

**54d. Delegation of function of Committee on Revision of the Laws to other agencies; printing, etc., under direction of Joint Committee on Printing.**—The functions vested by sections 51a, 52, 54a, 54b, and 54c of this title in the Committee on Revision of the Laws of the House of Representatives may from time to time be vested in such other agency as the Congress may by concurrent resolution provide: *Provided*, That the printing, binding, and distribution of the volumes and publications enumerated in this chapter shall be done under the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing. (Mar. 2, 1929, c. 580, § 7, 45 Stat. 1542.)

For title of Resolution see note to § 51a.

**55. Copies of supplements to Code of Laws of United States and of District of Columbia Code and supplements; conclusive evidence of original.**—Copies of the Code of Laws relating to the District of Columbia, when and if completed, and copies of the supplements provided for by this chapter, printed at the Government Printing Office and bearing its imprint, shall be conclusive evidence of the original of such code and supplements in the custody of the Secretary of State. (May 29, 1928, c. 910, § 5, 45 Stat. 1007.)

For title of Act see note to § 51.

**56. Distribution of supplements to Code of Laws of United States and of District of Columbia Code and supplements; slip and pamphlet copies.**—Copies of the Code of Laws relating to the District of Columbia, when and if completed, and of the supplements provided for by this chapter shall be distributed by the Superintendent of Documents in the same manner as bound volumes of the Statutes at Large: *Provided*, That no slip or pamphlet copies of the Code of Laws relating to the District of Columbia, when and if completed, and of the supplements provided for by this chapter need be printed or distributed. (May 29, 1928, c. 910, § 6, 45 Stat. 1007.)

For title of Act see note to § 51.

The section is affected by § 51a of this title.

**57. Same; additional quotas to Congress.**—In addition to quotas provided for by section 56 of this title there shall be printed, published, and distributed of the Code of Laws relating to the District of Columbia, when and if completed, with tables, index, and other ancillaries, suitably bound and with thumb inserts and other convenient devices to distinguish the parts, and of the supplements to both codes as provided for by this chapter, ten copies of each for each Member of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress in which the original authorized publication is made, for his use and distribution, and in addition for the Committee on Revision of the Laws of the House of Representatives and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate a number of bound copies of each equal to ten times the number of members of such committees, and one bound copy of each for the use of each committee of the Senate and House of Representatives. (May 29, 1928, c. 910, § 7, 45 Stat. 1008.)

For title of Act see note to § 51.

**58. Same; further quotas to Congress for personal use; distribution of Code of Laws of United States to new Members of Congress.**—In addition the Superintendent of Documents shall, at the beginning of the first session of each Congress, supply to each Senator and Representative in such Congress, who may in writing apply for the same, one copy each of the Code of Laws of the United States, the Code of Laws relating to the District of Columbia, when and if completed, and the latest supplement to each code: *Provided*, That such applicant shall certify in his written application for the same that the volume or volumes for which he applies is intended for his personal use exclusively: *And provided further*, That no Senator or Representative during his term of service shall receive under this section more than one copy each of the volumes enumerated herein. (May 29, 1928, c. 910, § 8, 45 Stat. 1008.)

For title of Act see note to § 51.

Act June 30, 1926, c. 713, 44 Stat. 778, provided for the publication and original distribution of the Code of Laws of the United States and is set forth as a note under §104 of Title 44, PUBLIC PRINTING AND DOCUMENTS.

**59. Appropriation for preparing and editing supplements.**—For preparation and editing an annual appropriation of \$6,500, in addition to appropriations for the Code of Laws relating to the District of Columbia, is hereby authorized to carry out the purposes of this chapter. (May 29, 1928, c. 910, § 10, 45 Stat. 1008.)

For title of Act see note to § 51.